



To Whomever It May Concern:

Naturally, the Great Basin College Student Government Association has found the work and topic of SB 391 and of the Committees to Conduct an Interim Study on Community Colleges Governance and Funding to be very important. It is also very exciting to listen and be a part of the discussions of the Legislature revolving around community colleges because I believe that it brings light to the great work that is being done at these institutions. Especially in times of budgetary constraints I think it is crucial that community colleges' success, which in the case of GBC is many, is noted and allowed to flourish. Hopefully through the work of the many entities involved the best course of action will be taken to allow this path to open for the community colleges. One of the most significant aspects of these discussion and decisions needs to be the students that are being served by these community colleges because they are ultimately the individuals who may be the most affected by the final outcome.

Through the last six months of the academic year the Student Government Association has been in close contact with GBC Administration, specifically President Mark Curtis on this topic. This has also included discussions directly with President Curtis during SGA meetings where the officers were able to ask questions and form a consensus. The result of this intercourse was the adoption of a stance to support community colleges remaining within the Nevada System of Higher Education structure. In times of financial hardships we believed it would be unwise to set up a complete separate governing structure, which would spend money that could possibly be used more efficiently towards different initiatives, along with other logistical issues. For students, articulation and transferability is significant and can drastically be improved through collaboration of NSHE institutions, which may be more easily preserved under one system. However, we are also open to any new information and this stance can easily shift because of the limited information that was available at the time of these decisions.

I have also been fortunate enough to attend a couple of the subcommittee meetings already, and the SGA looks forward to being involved in the future. I believe that it is very important for this participation so that decision makers can have a better sense of what the concerns of the students are. Discussions are going to continue and it can be made sure that SGA will remain active and will participate in these honorable endeavors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Porter and the Student Government Association of Great Basin College

EXHIBIT H - CommColleges Document consists of 1 page. Entire exhibit provided. Meeting Date: 06-17-14
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